

covenant
children's ministries

Sunday, November 1, 2026

Dear parents of young worshipers,

Welcome! We are delighted to have you and your children worshiping with us this morning. Our goal each Sunday is to glorify and enjoy the God Who made us and saved us by His grace.

This bulletin was designed to help your children follow along with this morning's worship service. Here are some ideas to guide you:

- Have children use the **stickers** provided as they follow along with this morning's liturgy. We've included some **brief definitions** for various parts of the liturgy to help you as you guide your child through the worship service.

- Encourage your children to **color** (**or draw**) the main points of this morning's sermon as you listen together.

- Help your children as they listen for the answer to the **question for young worshipers** during the sermon.

- Check out the back of the bulletin for suggestions on **preparing for next week's worship service**! (Practicing can be especially helpful for young worshipers who cannot yet read!)

If you have any questions about our church,
please do not hesitate to ask.

In Christ,
Pastor Wiersema

MORNING WORSHIP



Children's Choral Introit: Jesus Strong and Kind

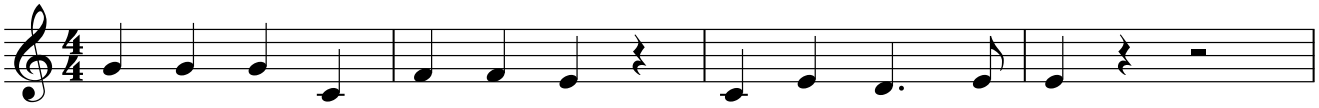
CHILDREN'S CHOIR: Jesus said that if I thirst
I should come to Him
No one else can satisfy
I should come to Him

Jesus said, if I am weak
I should come to Him
No one else can be my strength
I should come to Him

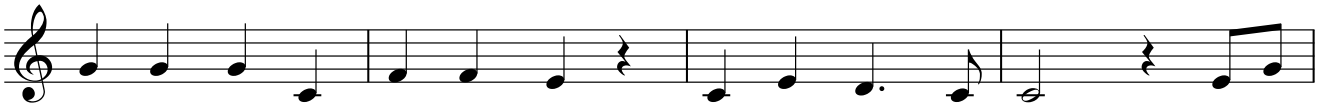
(CHORUS) For the Lord is good and faithful
He will keep us day and night
We can always run to Jesus
Jesus, strong and kind

Sung Call to Worship: Jesus Strong and Kind

God calls us to worship Him from His Word



1. Je - sus said that if I thirst, I should come to him.
2. Je - sus said if I am weak, I should come to him.
3. Je - sus said that if I fear, I should come to him.
4. Je - sus said if I am lost, He will come to me.



No one else can sat - is - fy, I should come to him. sing verse 2
No one else can be my strength, I should come to him. For the
No one else can be my shield. I should come to him.
And He showed me on that cross, He will come to me.



Lord is good and faith - ful. He will keep us day and night. We can



al - ways run to Je - sus. Je - sus, strong and kind.

Hymn of Adoration:

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing #457

We respond to God's call to worship in praise and love!



Robert Robinson, 1758

NETTLETON 8.7.8.7.D.
Asahel Nettleton, 1825



Invocation

We ask God to be present with us as we worship Him.



Profession of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

We declare what we believe about God —
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

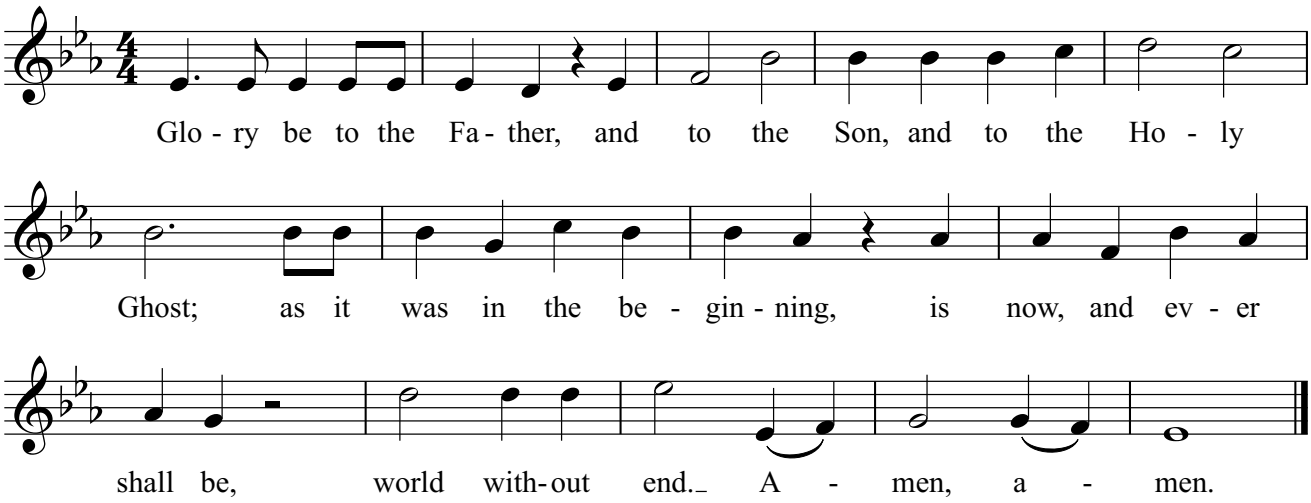
I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic* church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen

Gloria Patri

We praise God for who He is.



2nd Cent.; tr.

GLORIA PATRI (GREATOREX)
Henry W. Greatorex, 1851

Corporate Confession of Sin: from 1 Corinthians 3 & Psalm 130

We confess our sins together as God's people.

ALL: **O Lord, we confess that we have sinned against you.**
We are quick to go beyond
what is written in your Word.
We are puffed up with pride.
We search out countless guides
but fail to imitate Christ.
We are full of talk but of little action and power.
If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,
O Lord, who could stand?



Silent confession

Confess your own sins quietly to God.



Assurance of Pardon: from 1 Thessalonians 1

God promises to forgive all those who trust in Jesus!

PASTOR: *Brothers and sisters loved by God, he has chosen you. You have turned from idols to serve the living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.*

ALL: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Hymn of Assurance:

His Mercy Is More

We sing that we are forgiven and held secure by God.





Scripture Reading: 1 Chronicles 29:10–18

We hear God's word being read and thank him for it.

PASTOR: *This is the word of the Lord.*

ALL: **Thanks be to God!**



Prayer of Intercession and the Lord's Prayer

The pastor prays for God's Church, locally and globally, then we pray the prayer Jesus taught His disciples.

ALL: **Our Father, who art in heaven,**
hallowed be thy Name.
Thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts,
as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever. Amen



Offertory: Be Thou My Vision

We give back to God a portion of what He has given us.



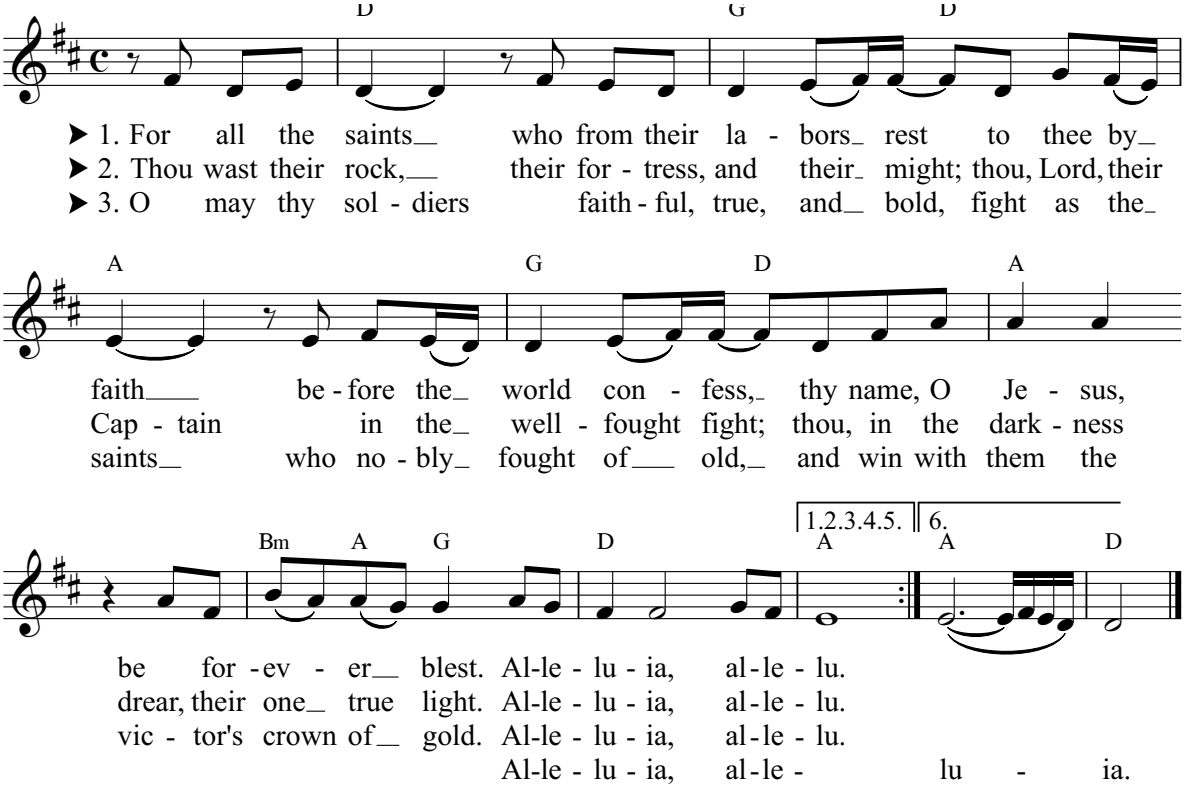
Children's Worship (8:30 service only)

*Children are always welcome in the service! However, kids **ages 4 through 1st grade** are invited to Children's Worship downstairs in Room 13. A leader will gather them in the Narthex during the final verse of the next hymn and bring them back up to the narthex before Communion.*

Hymn of Preparation:

For All The Saints

We praise God as we prepare to listen to His Word.



4. The golden evening brightens in the west;
Soon, soon to faithful warriors comes their rest;
Sweet is the calm of paradise the blest, alleluia. Allelu.

5. But lo! There breaks a yet more glorious day;
The saints triumphant rise in bright array;
The King of glory passes on his way, alleluia. Allelu.

▶ 6. From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, alleluia. Alleluia.



Sermon: I Corinthians 4:1-21

What Should the Christian Life Look Like? (Pastor Noah)

We listen to God's Word preached to us.

1 This is how one should regard us, as servants of Christ and stewards of the
mysteries of God. 2 Moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found faithful. 3 But
with me it is a very small thing that I should be judged by you or by any human court. In
fact, I do not even judge myself. 4 For I am not aware of anything against myself, but I am
not thereby acquitted. It is the Lord who judges me. 5 Therefore do not pronounce
judgment before the time, before the Lord comes, who will bring to light the things now
hidden in darkness and will disclose the purposes of the heart. Then each one will receive
his commendation from God.

6 I have applied all these things to myself and Apollos for your benefit, brothers, that
you may learn by us not to go beyond what is written, that none of you may be puffed up
in favor of one against another. 7 For who sees anything different in you? What do you
have that you did not receive? If then you received it, why do you boast as if you did not
receive it?

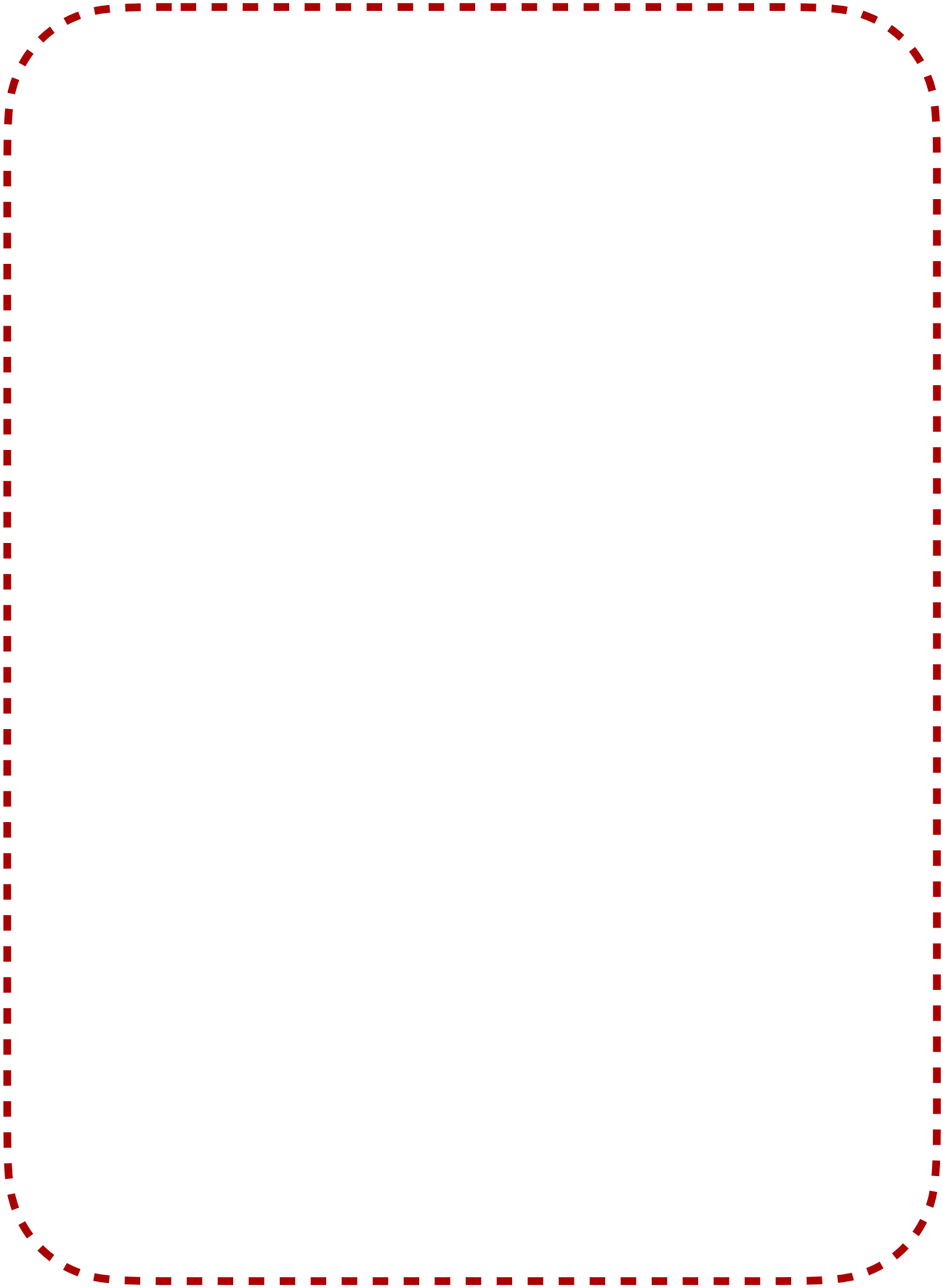
8 Already you have all you want! Already you have become rich! Without us you have
become kings! And would that you did reign, so that we might share the rule with you!
9 For I think that God has exhibited us apostles as last of all, like men sentenced to death,
because we have become a spectacle to the world, to angels, and to men. 10 We are fools
for Christ's sake, but you are wise in Christ. We are weak, but you are strong. You are
held in honor, but we in disrepute. 11 To the present hour we hunger and thirst, we are
poorly dressed and buffeted and homeless, 12 and we labor, working with our own hands.
When reviled, we bless; when persecuted, we endure; 13 when slandered, we entreat.
We have become, and are still, like the scum of the world, the refuse of all things.

14 I do not write these things to make you ashamed, but to admonish you as my
beloved children. 15 For though you have countless guides in Christ, you do not have
many fathers. For I became your father in Christ Jesus through the gospel. 16 I urge you,
then, be imitators of me. 17 That is why I sent you Timothy, my beloved and faithful child
in the Lord, to remind you of my ways in Christ, as I teach them everywhere in every
church. 18 Some are arrogant, as though I were not coming to you. 19 But I will come to
you soon, if the Lord wills, and I will find out not the talk of these arrogant people but
their power. 20 For the kingdom of God does not consist in talk but in power. 21 What do
you wish? Shall I come to you with a rod, or with love in a spirit of gentleness?

Question for young worshipers:

12 **Paul calls the Corinthian church children. What kind of children are they?**

WHAT SHOULD THE CHRISTIAN LIFE LOOK LIKE?





Celebration of the Lord's Supper:

On Jordan's Stormy Banks

As Christians, we share this meal - reminding us of and strengthening our union with Christ and with one another – as Jesus told His disciples to do before He was crucified.

ALL: On Jordan's stormy banks I stand, and cast a wishful eye
to Canaan's fair and happy land, where my possessions lie.

All o'er those wide extended plains, shines one eternal day;
there God the Son forever reigns, and scatters night away.

REFRAIN: [men] I am bound *(women echo)*
I am bound *(women echo)*
[all] I am bound for Promised Land.
[men] I am bound *(women echo)*
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[all] I am bound for Promised Land.

No chilling winds nor poisonous breath can reach that healthful shore;
sickness, sorrow, pain and death, are felt and feared no more.

REFRAIN: [men] I am bound *(women echo)*
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[all] I am bound for Promised Land.
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When shall I reach that happy place, and be forever blessed?
When shall I see my Father's face, and in His bosom rest?

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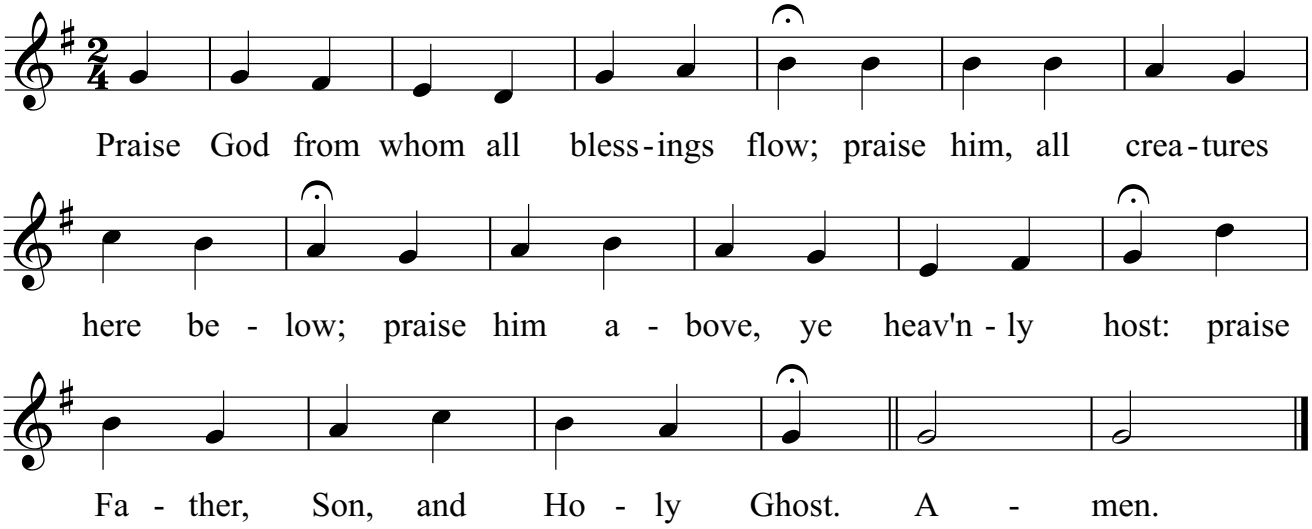
★ **Parents, if you think your child or children are ready to come to the table, please contact your fold elder or a pastor.**

Benediction

The pastor proclaims a blessing on God's people

Doxology

We praise God and call others to praise Him!



Thomas Ken, 1709

OLD HUNDREDTH L.M.
Louis Bourgeois's Genevan Psalter 1551

The Peace of Christ

We greet one another and are sent out on our way.

LEADER: *The peace of Christ be with you.*

ALL: **And also with you!**

Musicians – James Marsh, Piano: Will Nabholz, Guitar & Vocals; Mary Hathaway, Vocals; Paul Schultz, Cajon & Cello; Kuyper Brandt, Guitar

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Join us for Sunday School @ 9:45 a.m.!

Check in downstairs at the Children's Ministry Desk to learn more!

Preparing for next week's worship service

We know that **training our children to worship** does not happen overnight. Especially for children who are not yet able to read, worship services can be difficult to follow, much less participate in! By practicing some of the elements of the service at home as a family during the week as you are able, your child(ren) can be prepared for what to say and sing along with the congregation.

- **PRAY:** We need the Lord's help as we train our children in worship. Even our best efforts to prepare them will fall flat without His aid!

- **MEMORIZE:** Work on memorizing **The Apostles' Creed** and **The Lord's Prayer** with your child(ren). We say these almost every week! In addition, we almost always include one or more of the following songs: the **Doxology**, the **Gloria Patri**, and the **Threefold Amen**.

- **PRACTICE:** You can scan the QR code to find a Spotify playlist with hymns commonly sung in our service and other worshipful hymns.



Apostles Are Servants of Christ and Managers of God's Secret Truths

1 Corinthians 4:1 - This is what people should think about us: We are servants of Christ. We are the ones God has trusted with his secret truths.



By the grace of the Triune God, Covenant Presbyterian Church exists
to form and send disciples with passion for God and compassion for people.

Statement of Faith

We are a congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA),
which believes that the Bible is the inerrant and infallible Word of God and holds to that system
of doctrine summarized in the Westminster Confession of Faith & Catechisms.

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